September 5, 1988. The President of the dissolved Naya Sikkim Party had reportedly told the Press (Siliguri — August 5, 1988) that his party would start a violent movement in Sikkim in September, 1988 to achieve party's demand in respect of reservation of seats for the Nepalese in the State Assembly, According to the other leaders c.nd executive members, the party had no such agitational programme and the announcement was made without their knowledge or consent. The situation is under watch

MNF links with gueri'Ia organisations abroad

1662. SHR'T CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister 0f HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M.N.F. is still maintaining links with guerilla organisations abroad even after the accord of 1986; and

(b) if so, what is Government's •reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL. PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MTNISTRY „OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAM-BARAM) : (a) Nothing specific has come to notice indicating links between M.N.F. and guerilla organisations abroad.

(b) Does not arise.

Easing of Visa Norms

1663. SHRI M. VINCENT; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ease the Visa norms so as to remote the impediments in travels for pro moting tourism in the country; and

(b) which are the countries for which Visa conditions are subject to restrictions for tourists stating the reactions thereto?,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN IN TFE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, 3UBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENS] 3NS AND THE MINISTER OF STATI IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAM-BARA-t): (a) Multiple entry Tourist Visas ire issued by Indian Missions and Pi sts abroad on application for a period of 90 days. Such visas are ex-tendat e for a further period of 90 days i \ India. No further liberalisation is considered necessary.

(b) Countries with which we do not have liplcmatic relations, countries which we do not recognize qr on the basis c f reciprocity and mutual Agreement.

Pent on of Freedom Fighters of Pondicherry

1664 SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will t ie .Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be ph ased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the freedc n fighters of Pondicherry, who foughl for the freedom of that region; have -equested the Central Govern ment ;o consider their case of grant of fre idom fighters' pension to them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 'the T lion Territory of Pondicherry Admi] istration has also recommended their :ases for grant of such pension; and

(a) .if so, what action has been taken thereon?

TH:: MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS fSHR SANTOSH MOHAN DEV); (a) and (D) Yes, Sir.

(c) In these cases, pension war claim d on the basis of self-exil.? whicl is not recognised under the Swat; ntrata Sainik Samman Pension Scher ie, 1980. Hence freedom fighters pensic n could not be sanctioned to them,